## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) An image processing system, comprising:

an image processing apparatus which ~~comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data,~~ reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats and which includes an adding unit that adds an imaging processing command to the converted image data only when permitted to do so by a judging unit; and

an image receiving apparatus which receives from said image processing apparatus the converted image data ~~converted into the file format thus determined~~, and when the image processing command ~~is~~ has been added to the converted image data thus received, performs upon thus received converted image data an image processing which corresponds to the image processing command thus added;

wherein said image processing apparatus further comprises:

a storage unit which stores information regarding [[a]] the plural file ~~format~~ formats, said information including whether or not said plural file ~~format permits~~ formats permit addition of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data; and

[[a]]the judging unit which judges whether or not the file format ~~that~~ of the converted image data ~~of the original has been converted into~~ has said information in said storage unit ~~regarding the file format permitting~~ that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data, and

~~when said judging unit judges that the file format that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data,~~ said judging unit permits addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data ~~is permitted~~ only when said judging unit judges that said information in said storage unit permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data.

13. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which ~~comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data,~~ reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into <u>converted</u> image data <u>using</u> a file format which is determined from among plural file formats <u>and which includes an adding unit that adds an imaging processing command to the converted image data only when permitted to do so by a judging unit</u>, said image processing apparatus <u>further</u> comprising:

a storage unit which stores information regarding [[a]] <u>the plural</u> file ~~format~~ formats, said information including whether <u>or not</u> said <u>plural</u> file ~~format permits~~ <u>formats permit</u> addition of the image processing command to the <u>converted</u>~~read~~ image data; and

[[a]]<u>the</u> judging unit which judges whether <u>or not</u> the file format ~~that~~ <u>of</u> the <u>converted</u> image data ~~of the original has been converted into~~ has said information in said storage unit ~~regarding the file format permitting~~ <u>that permits</u> addition of the image processing command to the <u>converted</u>~~read~~ image data,

wherein ~~when said judging unit judges that the file format that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting addition of the image processing command to the read image data,~~ <u>said judging unit only permits</u> addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the <u>converted</u>~~read~~ image data ~~is permitted~~ <u>when the judging unit judges that the file format of the converted image has said information in said storage unit that permits addition of the image processing command to the converted image data.</u>

14. (Currently amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the file ~~format~~ <u>formats</u> which permits addition of the image processing command to the <u>converted</u>~~read~~ image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

15. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to ~~add the image processing command to the read image data,~~

~~wherein when said determining unit determines to add the image processing~~

~~command, said judging unit judges whether the file format that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting~~ enable the judging unit to operate or to prevent the judging unit from operating to insure that there is no addition of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data regardless of the information in said storage unit.

16. (Currently amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a sending unit which sends the converted image data ~~converted into the file format thus determined~~.

17. (Currently amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, wherein at least one of the file ~~format~~ formats which permits addition of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data is a file format in which a destination of the converted image data can execute the image processing command.

18. (Currently amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, wherein at least one of the file ~~format~~ formats which permits addition of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

19. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 16, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to ~~add the image processing command to the read image data, wherein when said determining unit determines to add the image processing command, said judging unit judges whether the file format that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting~~ enable the judging unit to operate or to prevent the judging unit from operating to insure that there is no addition of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data regardless of the information in said storage unit.

20. (Currently amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with

claim 16, wherein said sending unit sends an electronic mail to which the <u>converted</u> image data ~~converted into the file format thus determined~~ is attached.

21. (Currently amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the file ~~format~~ <u>formats</u> which permits addition of the image processing command to the <u>converted</u>~~read~~ image data is a file format in which a destination of the <u>converted</u> image data can execute the image processing command.

22. (Currently amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, wherein the <u>at least one of</u> the file ~~format~~ <u>formats</u> which permits addition of the image processing command to the <u>converted</u>~~read~~ image data is PDF (Portable Document Format).

23. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 20, further comprising a determining unit which determines, in accordance with a load condition, whether to ~~add the image processing command to the read image data,~~

~~wherein when said determining unit determines to add the image processing command, said judging unit judges whether the file format that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit regarding the file format permitting~~ <u>enable the judging unit to operate or to prevent the judging unit from operating to insure that there is no</u> addition of the image processing command to the <u>converted</u>~~read~~ image data <u>regardless of the information in said storage unit</u>.

24. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which ~~comprises an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data,~~ reads image data of an original and converts thus read image data into <u>converted image data using</u> a file format which is determined from among plural file formats <u>and which includes an adding unit that adds an imaging processing command to the converted image data only when permitted to do so by a judging unit</u>, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit which stores information regarding [[a]]<u>the plural</u> file ~~format~~ <u>formats</u>, said information including whether <u>or not</u> said <u>plural</u> file ~~format~~

~~prohibits~~formats prohibit addition of the image processing command to the read image data; and

[[a]]the judging unit ~~which~~judges whether or not the file format ~~that~~of the converted image data ~~of the original has been converted into~~has said information in said storage unit ~~regarding the file format prohibiting~~that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the read image data,

wherein when said judging unit judges that the file format ~~that~~of the converted image data ~~of the original has been converted into~~has said information in said storage unit ~~regarding the file format prohibiting~~that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the converted~~read~~ image data, said judging unit prohibits addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the read image data~~is prohibited~~.

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25. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus in accordance with claim 24, wherein at least one of the file ~~format~~formats which prohibits addition of the image processing command to the ~~read~~converted image data is TIFF (Tagged Image File Format).

26. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises ~~an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data and~~a controller which performs image processing control including control of ~~said~~an adding unit to permit the adding unit to add an image processing command to converted image data and control of reading[[,]]~~reads~~image data of an original and ~~converts~~conversion of the thus read image data into said converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing method comprising steps of:

disposing to said image processing apparatus a storage unit which stores information regarding ~~a~~said plural file ~~format~~formats, said information including whether or not said file ~~format permits~~formats permit addition of the image processing command to the converted image data;

making said controller judge whether or not the file format ~~that~~of the converted image data ~~of the original has been converted into~~has at least said information in said

storage unit ~~regarding the file format permitting~~ that permits addition of the image processing command to the ~~read~~ converted image data; and

making said controller permit addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the ~~read~~ converted image data[[,]] only when it is judged that the file format ~~that~~ of the converted image data ~~of the original has been converted into~~ has said information in said storage unit ~~regarding the file format permitting~~ that permits addition of the image processing command to the ~~read~~ converted image data.

27. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to which an image processing apparatus, which comprises ~~an adding unit which adds an image processing command to image data and~~ a controller which performs image processing control including control of ~~said~~ an adding unit[[,]] to prohibit the adding unit from adding an image processing command to converted image data and control of reading[[,]] ~~reads~~ of image data of an original and ~~converts~~ conversion of the thus read image data into said converted image data using a file format which is determined from among plural file formats, said image processing method comprising steps of:

disposing to said image processing apparatus a storage unit which stores information regarding [[a]] said plural file ~~format~~ formats, said information including whether or not said file ~~format prohibits~~ formats prohibit addition of the image processing command to the converted image data;

making said controller judge whether or not the file format ~~that~~ of the converted image data ~~of the original has been converted into~~ has said information in said storage unit ~~regarding the file format prohibiting~~ that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the ~~read~~ converted image data; and

making said controller prohibit addition by said adding unit of the image processing command to the ~~read~~ converted image data[[,]] only when it is judged that the file format that the image data of the original has been converted into has said information in said storage unit ~~regarding the file format prohibiting~~ that prohibits addition of the image processing command to the read image data.